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Air Mail

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Dear Boris:

I have been thinking over your predicament, and also discussed <sup>it</sup> with Hank Lardy.

We are both agreed that the only practical procedure would be for you to write yourself, to a number of people who might be interested. I gave you a list of possible names in my last letter and I am sure you will be able to think of others. However, since Bernie Davis seems to be one of the best bets as a person whose interest coincide with yours, I have written to him myself though it would do you no harm to write as well. Although we would both be very happy to give you the highest recommendation for this purpose, Boris, we are unable to negotiate with a perspective employer for the simple reason that we do not know enough of the details of your plans, what you would be interested in etc. For that reason you should communicate directly. You can, of course, freely use our names for references as well.

I am very sure that you would <sup>have</sup> no difficulty in finding a position if not by mail then within a short time of your actual arrival in New York. Let me mention further that Ed Tatum will be coming to the Rockefeller Institute about January 1 and he is someone you might also wish to be associated with.

Please be sure that we are and stand ready to do anything possible in your behalf.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

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